GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF TEXTILE MACHINERY BY TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS IN PAKISTAN
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether All Pakistan Textile Mills Association has shown interest in importing textile machinery from India;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken up or proposed to take up the matter with the Pakistan Government for allowing textile manufacturers in Pakistan to freely import such machinery from India; and (

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : As signatories to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreement, both India and Pakistan are obliged to give Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Treatment to each other.India has already given MFN status to Pakistan but Pakistan has not so far reciprocated. India has taken up the issue of MFN status on many earlier occasions but this has not elicited a positive response from Pakistan. Imports by Pakistan from India are limited to items specified in a list brought out by Pakistan.Textile machinery is not included in the list of items importable from India during 2001-2002.